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7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- ☐ Computer Readable copy
- ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
8. ☒ Assignment Papers
9. Power of Attorney
- ☒ Is attached.
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10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
11. Amendments
- ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ Cancel in this application claim(s) _____ before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: _____.
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
13. Small Entity Status
- ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ Is no longer claimed.
14. ☐ Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d)
15. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time
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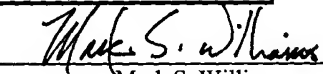
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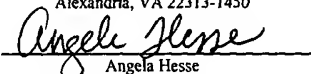

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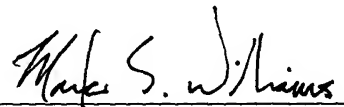
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